

Adoration/Devotions Monthly

Monthly - Day & Evening Eucharistic Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament

Nocturnal Adoration Society is a spiritual ministry that devotes one hour of prayer on the First Friday of each month in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. We meet in Church from 9 to 10PM, following the Holy Hour for Life from 8 to 9PM. We have been an active society in our parish for over 30 years. The purpose of Nocturnal Adoration is to gather together to pray for the needs of our parish and of the world in the actual presence of Christ through the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Our holy hour closes with Benediction. Membership is open to all men and women and there is no age requirement, only a desire to pray.

Contact Dot Guiheen - 593 9869

Second Thursday Adoration, like Nocturnal Adoration, is devoted to prayer before the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and was originally requested by those parishioners unable to attend a nightly Adoration. We meet in Church on the 2nd Thursday of each month beginning at 12:00PM until Benediction at 4:45PM. Legion of Mary members lead public prayer at 3:00PM for Divine Mercy and recite the Litany of the Sacred Heart. All are welcome.

First Saturday Novena to Blessed Mother, recitation of First Saturday Prayers to Our Lady - follow immediately after the Recitation of the Rosary

Contact - Peg Hannan - 887 3390

Altar Servers

One of the most rewarding ministries a young person can be a part of in the Church is altar serving. Altar servers assist the priest and other ministers during our liturgical celebrations. Young people in the 4th grade and invited to join. New member training session is in the fall (check bulletin)

Contact Eileen Crawford - 593 1802

CYO/YAC

Encourages outstanding participation of our youth in basketball, bowling, soccer, swimming, cheerleading and track. Coaches and families work together in forming fully developed Christian youth. Open to all.

Contact - Liz Westlake 596-0692

Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist

Enjoy the unique privilege of assisting in the distribution of Communion at parish liturgies. Training is provided by the Diocesan Office of Liturgy Worship, and is supplemented by the parish. Many Eucharistic Ministers also are involved in bringing the Eucharist to the sick, the elderly and the homebound. Open to men and women, 16 years of age and older.

Contact Eileen Crawford - 593 1802

Family Mass

The Family Mass Team plans and leads the children's activities at our 9:30am Family Mass each Sunday from October - May (with the exception of certain holiday weekends). We are currently looking for volunteers who love children and can help out with at least one Sunday a month.

Contact - Linda Baldacchino - 599-3793

Girl Scouts

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. Girls are encouraged to develop their leadership skills by discovering their inner strength and values, connecting with others and taking action to improve their communities and the world. Any girl 5 through 17 years of age or in Kindergarten through 12th Grade can become a girl scout. Free training from adult volunteers! Meeting times and days vary by level.

Contact - Patricia Baron 764 - 4399

Human Life Committee

Recognizing God as the Creator of all life, members of the Human Life Committee are dedicated to raising awareness concerning abortion, embryonic stem cell research and end of life issues. These are topics discussed at our meetings, which are held one Thursday of the month in the rectory from 7:30 to 9PM. Along with private prayer, we encourage public prayer by sponsoring the first Friday Holy Hour each month, the National Night of Prayer for Life, and the 40 Days for Life campaign. During the year, members fund raise for pregnancy help centers and keep parishioners informed about legislative proposals that impact life issues

Contact - Maryjane McQuade 599- 5296

Lectors

Lectors proclaim the scripture readings during the Liturgy of the Word at parish celebrations of the Eucharist. Men and women of high school age and older are eligible. Those who accept this ministry must be capable of effective public communication

Contact Eileen Crawford - 593 1802

Legion of Mary

Every Tuesday - 9:30 AM - Meeting in the Rectory - Room #2

The Legion of Mary is a worldwide organization of the lay apostolate, in which Catholic men and women sanctify themselves through prayer and spiritual work in union with Our Lady under the guidance of the clergy. We have a team that schedules and delivers two Pilgrim Virgin Statues throughout the Parish. We have Religious books, videos and cassette tapes available to those interested. We have religious materials in a special box we bring every time we visit a home to bring the Pilgrim Virgin and at the altar of Our Lady in the Church. If interested please call Jane Horning 599-5360. The Legion of Mary would like to encourage our Parishioners to consecrate their families and homes to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We will visit your home and recite the enthronement of the Sacred Heart with you and your family.

Contact - Peg Hannan, - 887-3390- email pegcrohan@yahoo.com

Liturgical Dancers

To enhance worship to Our Lord, Liturgical dancers participate in various liturgical events throughout the year, Easter Vigil, Pentecost, Blessed Mother's Birthday, May Crowning, etc. Dancers are provided with dresses, your own ballet slippers are all you need. Practice and performances are in the Church. Girls grade 6 and up with dance background, preferably ballet, are invited to join.

Contact Geraldine Graetzer - 599-3896

Liturgy Committee

Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Special Feast Days, Church Celebrations, Special Celebrations of Our Lady Meetings throughout the Year

The Liturgy Committee is a group of involved parishioners who assist the priests and staff in planning the liturgical seasons and other general concerns to ensure the vitality of the liturgy. The Liturgy Committee meets to prepare and coordinate our parish liturgical celebrations. Parishioners are welcome to send their suggestions or questions to the Liturgy Committee. Keep an eye on the parish bulletin for articles on various aspects of the sacred liturgy.

Contact Mr. Stephen Harth - 599-1269 or email oll8@aol.com

Men's Club

Fundraise for the OLL Parish School - annual Golf Outing

Contact Mike Grant - 593-4312

Music Ministry

Maybe you have always wanted to be part of the music ministry in the parish. Whether you are young or older, into choral or contemporary music, sing or play an instrument here is a place for you!

Adult Choir, Children Choir - Grades 2-5, Junior Choir - Grades 6-12

Hand bell Choir - all ages; a great family event

Youth Mass - All young adults;

If you play any instrument come add those sounds to our Youth Masses. Singers and instrumentalists needed.

Contact Mr. Stephen Harth - 599-1269 or email oll8@aol.com

Folk Group: Provides Music for Sunday liturgies and for special services throughout the year. We practice at 8:30am Sunday morning for the 9:30am Mass. We also sing Christmas carols in December, in town, and also at the Hostel on Hempstead Ave. We provide fun music for their summer barbecue as well. Our Folk Group has been in existence over 40 years and continues to be an intricate part of our parish family. We currently have 2 guitarists and 9 singers and have room for more. If you play an instrument (any instrument) or you can carry a tune or both and have a love for the liturgy and music than please give us a call.

Contact - Barbara Kretkowski - 596-9329 or e-mail BKRET@optonline.net

Parent Teacher League

The Parent Teacher League is a very important support organization for our school. The PTL Executive Board meets monthly to plan and evaluate activities and fundraisers throughout the year. Students, parents and families can be involved in many activities throughout the year. We urge everyone to take an active part in this organization.

Contact Elena Grant 593-4312

Parish Outreach

Parish Outreach Ministry is concerned with providing support and service to anyone in need. We offer assistance wherever possible and connect the resources of the Community with the needs. Under Outreach we have a myriad of services - Consolation Ministry, Bereavement Ministry, Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound, Blood Drive.

Contact Denise Williams - 887-4560 or email Ollmalvdw@aol.com

Parish School

Our Parish School opened its doors in 1953, to provide for the education and gradual growth and development of the whole child- spiritually, intellectually, socially, emotionally, and physically. It aims to have the child recognize that religion is not just another subject, but a way of life, by providing the climate where faith, trust and love for God and for others is encouraged. Students are admitted Nursery to Grade 8.

Contact Mary C. Murphy 599-7328

Pre Cana

Pre Cana prepares engaged couples for the Sacrament of Marriage through group discussions. Sessions are 2 hours a session for a total of 4 nights.

Contact - Mary Ellen Curtin - 599-1230

Prayer Groups

Monday Morning 9:30AM - Intercessory Prayers - Barbara Kretkowski - 596 0534 or BKRET@optonline.net

**Tuesday Morning 9:30AM- Cenacle for Marian Movement of Priests - Connie Pascale - 486 6652
Prayers for Priests**

**Tuesday Afternoon 1:30PM - Intercessory Prayer Group - Geri Lecessi - 887 9252
in the Rectory Dining Room**

RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Bringing people who want to become Catholic to the sacraments at the Easter Vigil is the responsibility of our team. We meet after the 9:30am Mass on Sunday and help the candidates on their journey to the sacraments. The RCIA stresses the need for a living experience of the Church and not just knowledge about the Church. Although the RCIA includes instruction in the facts of the faith, instruction is but one part of a much larger experience of living the faith with members of the Church. The initiation of adults is about the Christian community initiating new members into itself and therefore it must take place in community. If you think you would like to join our team as part of the ministry of RCIA please call:

Contacts - Deacon Frank Cove 599-1269 or Barbara Kretkowski-596-9329 or BKRET@optonline.net

Religious Education

Religious Education Classes:

Grades 1 through 4 and Tutorial are held on Tuesday 4:15PM to 5:15PM

Graders 5 through 8 are held on Wednesday 4:15PM to 5:15PM

Grades 1-8 and Tutorial are Saturday 9:30AM to 10:30AM

Our Lady of Lourdes Religious Education Program takes its responsibility seriously and works diligently to communicate the tenets of faith to those entrusted to its care. Our program depends on the generosity of time and talents of people in the parish. Our Catechists prepare lessons and activities each week to reinforce the theme of the lesson and help students memorize facts. Our Tutorial program is for those who have missed instruction and need to catch up as well as those with specific needs. Tutors work one on one with the students and provide a level of instruction planned for the individual child. Any students in 8th grade or high school who are interested in becoming classroom aides are also welcome.

Contact - Ms. Mary E. Lasar or Mary Beth Malone 599-7222 Email: ollreled@gmail.com

Rosary Altar Society

Monthly Meetings September to December and March to June

Members of the Rosary Altar Society Strive:

- To praise and honor the Blessed Mother, bonded together in Christian Charity.
- To enhance Church celebrations, by trying to attend as Rosarians.
- To attend to the care of the altars and altar linens & Priests' vestments.
- To promote good fellowship among the women of the Parish and to bring them together in a Christian spirit
- To contribute toward the financial support of the Church, with income from dues, social activities and our Thrift Shop

Join and pray with us spiritually each day throughout the year either at home or together with us. We encourage our members to attend our Monthly Mass (September through June), usually the first Sunday at 11:00 am. We encourage our members to attend meetings & events when possible and to also try to pray a decade of the Rosary each day. We pray for our ill and deceased Rosarian members. We provide spiritual support to the families of our deceased members by attending the Funeral Mass.

Contact - Joan Schmitt - 593 3477 joanrayschmitt@verizon.net

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

We meet on the Third Tuesday of the Month from September to June in the Rectory

The St. Vincent de Paul Society takes care of the needy of our Parish. Our motto is "Need not Creed". Through the generosity of the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes, who are always willing to help with food, household supplies, clothing, etc., we have weekly distributions of food on Tuesday and Thursday Mornings 9:30 to 11:30AM. We have annual distributions of donated food and toys at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Contact Mike Hannan - 599 1269

Scouting

The Parish is host to several scouting organizations for both boys and girls preparing and helping our youth to be active participants in the civic, religious and social activities with our community and for their further development as good citizens.

Boys - Joe Resch 887-2448

Youth Ministry

The Youth Ministry provides many opportunities for high school teens to get involved in the life of the parish. Event and activities include service projects, leadership roles at Mass, social events, discussion nights and more! **Youth Masses, which are lead by many teens, are held twice a month at the 5:00pm Mass on Sundays. Teen Talk nights are held twice a month on Wednesday evenings.** In addition we have lock-in retreats, Camp Lourdes, Souper Bowl of Caring, the Food Fast and the Souper Scavengerhunt - just to name few. To get involved contact Linda or see the bulletin for our upcoming events.

Coordinator: Linda Baldacchino - 599-3793

Ushers

**Meetings 4 time a year as well as,
Saturday and Sunday Masses, Celebrations of the Sacraments, Special Masses & Liturgical Celebrations**

The church usher helps the Pastor to make the Mass or service a success by putting the congregation in the right frame of mind. The usher meets the people with a pleasant smile, a warm welcome and directs them to a pew. The usher also sees to it that order is kept in and around the church during the Mass or service. Ushers are forerunners, for they prepare the church for the parishioners by being the first to arrive, They see that the church is in proper condition. They ensure that church bulletins & literature are distributed. They ensure that donation envelopes are collected and presented with the Gifts at the altar. Church ushers are missionaries for the church for they perpetuate the spirit throughout the congregation.

Contact - Tim Corr - 596 1544 or e-mail rctcec789@verizon.net

Volunteer Application Form

Name of Organization: _____

Name _____ Phone # _____

Home Address _____

Email Address _____

Do you belong to any other Church group? Yes No

Do you have Virtus Training already? Yes No

(You must attend Virtus Training to volunteer in any of our Church organizations)

Volunteer availability: (Please check) _____ Active _____ Limited

Applicant Signature: _____ Date _____

FOR ORGANIZATION USE ONLY: Call Back Date: _____

(Return form to the rectory after you have contacted volunteer)